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Birds, Trees, Dark Skies, Climate: What's Going On?

Our April 19 program will be a forum with three panelists who will speak to the varied aspects of our local communities challenged by climate change and what climate work is being done in our areas.

The first panelist is Dr. Paul Bogard, Professor of Environmental Studies at Hamline University. Dr. Bogard teaches environmental literature and has authored several books about efforts to darken skies in the age of artificial light. Second is Ted Redmond, CEO of Pale Blue Dot, an architect and renewable energy consultant who works on community planning and building design with a focus on climate. Third is Carroll Henderson, who served for 41 years as Supervisor of the Minnesota State Nongame Wildlife Program, and continues to work as a science advocate with a focus on trees and plant ecosystems.

Ramsey County Library is co-sponsoring the event, which runs from 6:30 to 8 pm. Carol Marchel will serve as the moderator. The forum will include an opportunity for questions from participants. Registration is required for this event: <https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/61cdd28040ff262f00600a7f>



LWV Annual Meeting: Celebrate and Plan

Join in for the LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting! We will celebrate our past year, elect new board officers and members, and approve a new budget and local advocacy positions. This is also the time to help shape upcoming priorities and decide if we undertake a new local study. Please come! Many voices make us stronger. There is no registration. A donation basket will be available to members to cover food costs.

- **Tuesday, May 3;** 6 pm social, 7 pm business meeting
- Autumn Grove Park Building, 1365 Lydia Ave. W., Roseville (at Hamline and Lydia)
- Desserts from Creative Catering by Molly and coffee, tea, and wine

Annual Meeting Committee: Chair, June Stewart; Committee members, Shirley Bradway, Mindy Greiling, Diana Menanteau, and Rachelle Peleska

LWV of Roseville Area April Board Meeting

The next LWV of Roseville Area Board meeting is Wednesday, April 27, at 7 pm. For Zoom access, please contact Barb Anderson at lwvrosevillearea@lwvmn.org in advance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

LWV of Roseville Area Board Members

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Barb Anderson and
Bonnie Koch

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A number of our LWV of Roseville Area committees have been hard at work preparing items for membership approval at our upcoming annual meeting. Included in this issue of the Voter are details on nominations for League-elected positions and committee assignments ([page 10](#)), a budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year ([page 11](#)), amendments to our Policies and Procedures and By-laws ([page 12-13](#)), and new and amended positions for advocacy that are based on the studies authorized at our 2020 annual meeting ([page 14](#)).

In keeping with LWV of Roseville Area culture of experienced members mentoring newer members, the nominations for 2022-23 presented by Nominations Team leader Sherry Hood include newer and experienced board members. As many are aware, incoming President Barb Anderson plays an important leadership role in both the finances and communications of our League, and in continuing as LWVMN treasurer, provides a link to our State governance and support. Nominated Vice President Rachel Geiser has been an active participant in many facets of League, in particular by providing essential outreach to, and communication with, the City of Maplewood and its residents for a wide range of our activities; by initiating the popular Books and Brews summer program; and by informing and making us all look good in her role as Voter editor. In addition to the positions to be voted on at the annual meeting, noted by asterisks, the Nominations Team included a list of team members for the various committees. League members can, of course, join committees throughout the year. Thank you to all for agreeing to serve League in these roles for our all-volunteer organization!

The Budget Team, led this year by Barb Anderson and Bonnie Koch, has been hard at work balancing the projected needs of all of our committees. The generosity of our members makes their work easier, and allows us to create new initiatives throughout the year. One of these new initiatives during the current year, is the awarding of \$500 scholarships to one student at each of the Roseville Area, Tartan, and Fairview Alternative High Schools. The qualifications of the first award recipient, Esther Pewu of Tartan, beautifully match the criteria set out by Karen Lake's Student Scholarship Committee, and should make us all proud (see [page 9](#)).

Recognizing the need to clarify the conduct of advocacy and local studies, the Board asked Mindy Greiling and Bonnie Koch to recommend amended policies and procedures to address each of these areas. The Board approved their carefully thought-out and constructed recommendations, and will ask for membership approval at the annual meeting. Early last month, LWVMN leadership provided updated guidance on bylaws for local leagues. One issue that we have resolved is to use the wording of LWVUS and LWVMN for Articles I and II, and Sections 1 and 2 of Article III in our bylaws. I also reviewed the remainder of our bylaws, and the Board has approved additional changes, subject to membership approval at our annual meeting. Since Sections III.4 through III.9 are more detailed than required for our bylaws, and in some cases may conflict with evolving LWVMN expectations, these are recommended for removal. The board may choose to recommend that the intent of some or all of these bylaws be included in our Policies and Procedures, which are both more detailed and more easily adapted to changing conditions. (The complete LWV of Roseville Area Bylaws with amendments are attached to the emailed version of the Voter.)

Both studies approved in 2020 have come to a successful conclusion, and the Board recommends advocacy positions based on the results of each study. A new position based on the Equitable Representation in City Commissions and Boards study, led by Patricia Hoffman and Barb Luck, were recommended for membership approval in June 2021. New and amended positions based on the Cities' Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act study, led by Jim and Stephanie DeBenedet, were recommended for membership approval last month. Membership consensus meetings were held in May 2021 and February 2022, respectively.

The Board is looking forward to member participation at the annual meeting. See you in May!



Barb Barany

Moral Silhouette

By Florence Sprague

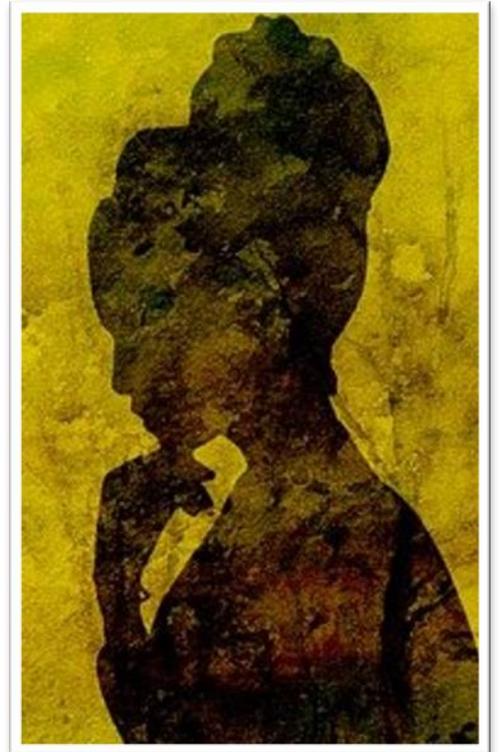
Moral silhouette. Such an evocative phrase. While I quickly recall the general topic of the article wherein I saw it—the Berlin Wall—and I recall the phrase—moral silhouette—so evocative while still so malleable, yet I cannot recall the source of the article or the precise meaning the author imparted to this phrase. Was it the wall itself, the people who resisted it, the people who built it, or the Cold War in totality whose moral silhouettes the author was seeking to evoke? It could be any or all of the above. Some manifest in my mind as negative space for the harm done, some more like old-fashioned silhouette paper cuttings, for persons of courage in the face of brutality. These are events of my lifetime. How long beyond the lives of those then living will these moral silhouettes persist?

It makes me wonder what kind of moral silhouette I might leave, our country might leave, and how both are changing with time and events, and what happens to the spirit when forced to compromise on principle?

This was recently brought to mind when I viewed an interesting webinar about the Underground Railroad in upstate New York before and after the passage of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 (https://avalon.law.yale.edu/19th_century/fugitive.asp). The professor posed several overarching questions which he felt were still relevant to us today. I can only paraphrase. One was approximately, “What is the impact of compromise on a moral stance on the polarization of people?” In 1850, politicians desperately sought to keep the country together. The Fugitive Slave Act was meant to do just that. With its serious penalties, both civil and criminal, on Northern officials and on those who aided persons escaping from enslavement, this compromise polarized the abolitionists, and those disapproving of slavery in the North. They must either cease their opposition to slavery and their aid to those seeking freedom, or they must take much greater risks to uphold their moral beliefs. This could be thought of as meaning a lowered moral silhouette from inaction on belief or an expanded moral silhouette from acting on principle in the face of danger. Which way would my silhouette have gone? I am not optimistic.

Today we are faced with a wide variety of moral dilemmas. We may not immediately recognize them as such, and the ethical path of action is often ill-defined and disputed, but the dilemmas abound. At what cost, to self and society, compromise? More and more people are refusing to compromise. In 2022, the Fugitive Slave Act does not look like much of a compromise; it looks like a win for the slave states. But at the time? I generally think that compromise is a reasonable way to respect all points of view. This framework makes me see that it may not always work.

Of course, we cannot all be John Lewis or Dietrich Bonhoeffer, risking all and never wavering. The icons of moral resistance in any era are icons for a reason—they do the extraordinary. We can all ask ourselves, “What is the moral silhouette of our times and communities? What would we like it to be? How do we make that happen?” Then we can all consider the issues of our day deeply, with kindness, thoughtfulness, and open hearts. And we can act to the extent of our abilities, alone and in concert with others, to enhance the moral silhouette of our era and our society.



Current Issues at Metro Transit and CMAL Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 14, 10-11:30 am via Zoom

All LWV members and members of the public are invited to hear from Metro Transit regarding current issues at the regional transit agency. If you're interested in transit safety—Gold Line, Purple Line, Bottineau Line, SWLRT cost overruns—sign on, listen, and get your questions answered. The Zoom link will be available at <https://www.lwvnmn.org/league-calendar>. The Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL) will hold its annual business meeting immediately following the presentation. LWV of Roseville Area is entitled to send three voting delegates to this meeting. Questions? Contact Karen Schaffer at schafferka@gmail.com.

Two Big Green Days: What Will You Do?

By Barb Luck

Spring is here according to the calendar, though we may or may not have spring weather. But one thing about spring is certain and that is the April environmental celebrations of Earth Day and Arbor Day. Spring brings the literal greening as plants, trees, and grass awaken from their winter slumber. It also hopefully brings much-needed attention to taking care of our environment.

Earth Day: More Important Than Ever

With the global climate crisis having reached scary status, setting aside a special day to promote awareness and to take earth-friendly action is a good idea. Most people know that Earth Day has been celebrated internationally for over 50 years. There is a strong connection to our part of the country as the founder of Earth Day, Gaylord Nelson, is a former Democratic Governor of Wisconsin and US Senator. Nelson was concerned about the dirty air and water and lack of industrial controls and saw an opportunity to leverage the high energy from anti-Vietnam War protests to focus on environmental needs. He secured support from Republicans and a small core team. And harness that activist energy they did! The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, is said to have involved 20 million people marching and advocating for a healthy environment across the US. Earth Day went global in 1990, and now, over one billion people participate in some way in Earth Day.

Earth Day this year is April 22; find out about activities at <https://www.earthday.org/>.

Arbor Day Touts Tree Benefits

Arbor Day has its 150th anniversary on April 29. This day reminds us that the benefits of trees are enormous, but most important is that the green leaves of trees take in carbon dioxide and give off life-giving oxygen. Among the many benefits of trees are their ability to reduce heat (via shade), energy emissions, and air pollution. Trees also reduce noise and flooding, as well as provide habitat for birds and animals.

The US Forest Service has documented that our country lost 36 million trees annually over a recent five-year period. That's not good news given that trees are one of the best ways to combat climate change. The largest culprit reducing our trees is development. As buildings, roads, and parking lots grow, trees are removed. Many cities, including Roseville, participate in the Tree City Program to encourage planting, nurturing, and celebrating trees. Maplewood partners with the Tree Trust to provide trees for purchase at a discount.

Visit <https://www.arborday.org/> for more information.

Easy Ways to Help the Planet

There are many ways to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day. Below are a few ideas, with many more found at <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/>.

- Plant a tree—or two or three. If you don't have a place to plant one, you can donate to The Canopy Project (<https://www.earthday.org/campaign/the-canopy-project/>) or help volunteer groups plant a tree. Another way to help is to donate to the Arbor Day Foundation.
- If you have property with trees, take care of them by pruning dead branches and watching for disease. If you have questions, contact University of Minnesota Extension Trees and Shrubs or check their website (<https://extension.umn.edu/find-plants/trees-and-shrubs>).
- Stop buying single-use plastics such as water bottles, grocery bags, and silverware. We know how bad plastics are for the environment and they continue to cause harm while decomposing taking up to 500 years.
- Go pesticide free. It's better for both people and the environment.

What will you do?



Plastics Crisis Challenge: The Grocery Store

By Alana Howey & Anne Haugan

If there is one place that we can't avoid consumption, it's shopping for food. We do, however, have many choices around where and how we shop. We've addressed some of the basics in previous articles (e.g., bringing your own bags), but let's dig deeper!

Where to shop: There is a wide range of commitment to sustainability among grocery store corporations. Trader Joe's, Costco and Whole Foods have banned plastic carry-out bags. Target's goal is to have 50% and Aldi's goal is to have 100% recyclable, reusable, or compostable packaging by 2025. Target has formed a consortium to "Reinvent the Plastic Bag" along with Walgreens, Krogers, CVS Health, and Walmart. Progress is being made, albeit slowly.

The Twin Cities is fortunate to have several cooperative groceries that make shopping with a smaller carbon footprint possible. Explore Community Supported Agriculture shares (you can also share with a neighbor) or use farmers markets in season.

How to shop

- **Buy in bulk.** Bring your own container to fill with staples of flour, beans, rice, granola, spices, tea, coffee, etc.
- **Choose recyclable packaging like glass or aluminum over plastic.** Buy salad dressing or mustard in a glass container. Choose eggs in a paper carton instead of Styrofoam, or better yet refill your paper carton with bulk eggs. Buy meat wrapped in paper instead of plastic wrapped on a Styrofoam tray. Buy milk in paper cartons instead of plastic containers. It is then 100% reusable and/or recyclable!
- **Avoid excess packaging.** Do you have to get your apples in a plastic bag, or can you put them into a reusable produce bag?
- **Keep a shopping kit with you.** This kit would include reusable produce bags, egg cartons, and reusable shopping bags. Put it back in your car after unloading your groceries. Keep a reusable bag in your purse for spontaneous purchases.
- **Buy your bread at a bakery** There you can opt to put it in a paper or cloth bag and avoid the tag or twisty tie.

As we take on our use of plastic in our personal lives, we should also celebrate work being done on an international level. A UN Environmental Assembly meeting last month in Nairobi, Kenya, brought together 175 UN member states to address plastic pollution. This assembly endorsed a resolution to establish an international, legally-binding treaty on the production, design, consumption, reuse, and disposal of plastics by 2024. Stay tuned for activity on this important treaty.

Personal Challenge: Start to assemble your shopping kit and keep it in your car!

Advocacy for Change: <https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/help-create-plastic-free-supermarkets/>

Resources:

- Local cooperatives and bulk buying: Mississippi Market, Seward, and Eastside cooperatives; Tare Market
- Ranking of groceries: <https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/shopping-for-plastic-2021/?ga=2.170835872.1214909160.1647104650-990338271.1647104650>
- CSAs: <https://landstewardshipproject.org/csa-farm-directory/>
- Farmer's markets: <https://twincitiesfarmersmarkets.com/>, <https://www.stpaulfarmersmarket.com/locations>
- Produce bags: Find in produce sections at local cooperatives <https://www.treehugger.com/best-reusable-produce-bags-5078372>



LWVUS Convention Attendance Opportunity

The 2022 LWVUS Convention will take place in Denver, Colorado June 23-26. This year's convention will allow members to attend either in person or virtually. LWVUS promises to fully integrate virtual attendees into the convention experience. LWV of Roseville Area has been allocated three voting delegates to attend, although more may attend. LWV of Roseville Area will reimburse registration fees for members who wish to attend, up to six members. Registration fees are \$475 for in-person attendance and \$300 for virtual attendance. Details on the event and more information can be found at <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/council-convention/2022-convention-faqs>. Please send an email no later than April 10 to lwvrosevillearea@lwvwmn.org if you wish to attend this convention and to learn how to request registration fee reimbursement.

A Century of Civic Engagement: LWV Minnesota

Come one and all to see...100 years of LWV history in a vibrant display at the Ramsey County Library, Roseville branch, April 5-29. This exhibit features Minnesota's suffrage story highlighting the women who made it happen, and who continue to lead through the League to make democracy work for all.

Visit Ramsey County Library Roseville during regular library hours to see this exhibit which will also include our LWV Roseville Area panel (see [page 7](#) for volunteer opportunities associated with this exhibit).



Left: A sample of the LWV display panels

Below: Sample panels

The National Suffrage Campaign

THERE ARE MANY ARGUMENTS AGAINST IT BUT NO REASONS

In July of 1848 the first U.S. women's rights convention opened in Seneca Falls, New York. Participants included Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Frederick Douglass, and others committed to equality for the sexes. Their demand for voting rights, or suffrage, began a 72-year campaign for the ballot.

Women in the suffrage movement wrote letters, gave speeches, signed petitions, marched in parades, and protested at the White House. They organized the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, the

National Woman's Party, and dozens of other organizations to lead the fight.

The tactics of these organizations varied. Some fought state by state for voting rights. Others insisted on a federal amendment to the Constitution. This became the winning strategy and led to passage of the 19th Amendment on August 26, 1920. Votes for women became the law of the land. However, both men and women of color faced barriers to voting until the 1965 passage of the Voting Rights Act.

Early Suffrage Leaders



Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Author, signer of the "Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments," co-founder of the National Woman Suffrage Association, 1815-1902



Susan B. Anthony
Activist, signer of the "Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments," co-founder of the National Woman Suffrage Association, 1837-1906



Frederick Douglass
Abolitionist and suffrage supporter, attended Seneca Falls Convention and advocated for passage of the Declaration of Sentiments, 1818-1895



Alice Paul
Co-founder of Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage and the National Woman's Party, and author of the "Suffragette Pledge," 1885-1972

"Woman, however, like the colored man, will never be taken by her brother and lifted out position. What she desires, she must fight for." — Frederick Douglass

The Opposition

Men and women worked together to support voting rights for women. They also worked together against them.

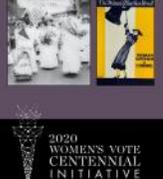




72 Years Later...

From 1848 until its passage in 1920, it took 72 years for women to win the right to vote.

The advancement of civil rights has always depended on people who work for change, even if they might not see it during their lifetime.



2020 WOMEN'S VOTE CENTENNIAL INITIATIVE

Learn More About Suffrage
Check out the 2020 Women's Vote Centennial at: www.2020centennial.org

Protecting Voting Rights

NOT PRIVILEGE BUT JUSTICE

Under the US Constitution, most states gave the vote to white men who owned property. Over the past 200 years, constitutional amendments and court rulings have expanded voting rights for minorities and women. Nonetheless, voting remains difficult for many because of state and local laws that limit access to the ballot box.

Voting Rights Timeline

- 1776 Only white men age 21 who own land can vote
- 1870 15th Amendment to US Constitution granted voting rights to African American men
- 1901 19th Amendment to US Constitution granted voting rights to women
- 1924 Indian Citizenship Act granted Native Americans citizenship and voting rights
- 1964 24th Amendment to US Constitution eliminated poll taxes in federal elections
- 1965 Voting Rights Act of 1965 eliminated literacy tests, and prohibited racial discrimination in voting
- 1971 26th Amendment to US Constitution lowered voting age to 18
- 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act ensured that individuals with disabilities can vote
- 2002 Help America Vote Act replaced outdated voting machines and improved election procedures
- 2006 Voting Rights Act extended for another 25 years

Over the years, some states have taken steps that limit voting rights. Most recently these actions include voter photo IDs, confusing documentation rules, unfair district maps, reduced hours at the polls, limitations on early voting, and removing eligible voters from the rolls illegally. Such laws disproportionately impact low-income and minority voters and cause voter suppression.

The League of Women Voters continues to fight to end restrictions on voting rights.



— Virginia Raw, CEO, League of Women Voters of the US

LWV Minnesota continues on the front line, alongside community partners, to protect and expand voting rights, and make democracy work for all.



RESTORE VOTE MN



I OPPOSE VOTER ID



VOTING IS YOUR VOICE

Support Voting Rights
Find YOUR voice. Learn more about the past, present and future of voting rights at: www.yourvoteyourvoice.org

YOUR VOTE YOUR VOICE

Voter Services

While the November 2022 election is months away, the Voter Services team has been busily brainstorming and planning opportunities for LWV of Roseville Area members to become involved in furthering the League mission:

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy

Are you available to assist with any of the following opportunities?

- Hang out at the LWV Centennial Exhibit at Ramsey County Roseville Library on **Saturdays in April** for 1-2 hours between 11:00 am – 4:00 pm answering questions or chatting about LWV and voting. *(Contact Teresa Wernecke or Rita Mills.)*
- Participate in Roseville's Juneteenth celebration for approximately three hours on Sunday, June 19, discussing registration and voting mechanics. *(Contact Teresa Wernecke.)*
- Staff a voter registration table at local high schools during cap and gown pickup (three hours in the morning or afternoon from 9 am – 2 pm). *(Contact Marcia Cheney.)*
Tartan High School – May 24
Roseville High School – Not yet scheduled
- Develop a bank of voting and government-related questions to be used on a recently purchased spinning wheel. *(Can be done at home and emailed to Marcia Cheney soon.)*



Voter Services Contacts



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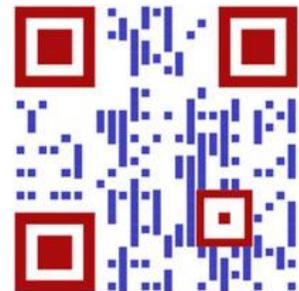


Nancy Simpson: nsimpson51@gmail.com



Teresa Wernecke: teresa475@gmail.com

For quick answers to voter questions, go to:
MNVOTES.ORG



MNVotes.org

Please contact one of us if you would like to assist in meeting and planning Voter Services activities.

Do you know of a place that would be conducive for posting a voting poster?
(See sample on the following page.) These could be customized for an organization or faith-based location? Contact Rita Mills: rleomills@hotmail.com.

Democracy is not a spectator sport!

Own Your Vote

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF ROSEVILLE AREA



Key elections dates in MN

May 31: Candidate filing period ends

June 24: Early voting by mail or in person begins
in the statewide primary election

August 9: Primary election day

September 23: Early voting by mail or in person
begins in the statewide general election

November 8 (second Tuesday): Election Day.

Voting Details

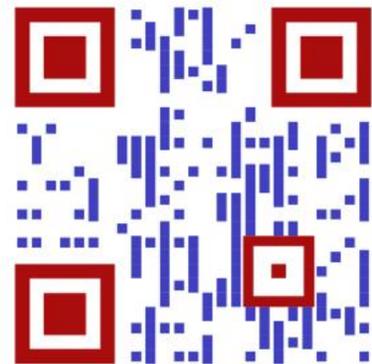
“How do I register to vote?”

“How do I find out if I am eligible to
vote?”

“How, when and where do I vote?”

“What’s on my ballot?”

“How can I become more involved in
the voting process?”



MNVotes.org

For answers to your voting questions, go to MNVOTES.org

First LWV of Roseville Area Student Scholarship Recipient Announced!

By Student Scholarship Committee

Last fall, the LWV of Roseville Area Board authorized funding for a \$500 scholarship to a student at Roseville Area High School, Fairview Alternative School, and Tartan High School. These high schools have coordinated with League to host student voter registrations in past years. The recipient selection is decided by each school's Student Scholarship Committee using guidelines developed by the LWV of Roseville Area Scholarship Committee, which includes: Barb Barany, Anne Haugen, Karen Lake, Suzanne Sancilio, and June Stewart. The goal in offering the awards is to increase League visibility with students, especially those from underrepresented groups. In addition to the scholarship, each winner is provided an optional one year free membership to LWV of Roseville Area.

The first recipient, a student from Tartan High School, was selected and presented her scholarship. Congratulations to Esther Pewu! A short ceremony occurred at Tartan High School on March 21 in Assistant Principal, Diana Morton's office. In addition to Ms. Morton and Karen Lake, the Chair of the LWV of Roseville Area Scholarship Committee, Esther chose two Tartan faculty members important to her to be present. One was her guidance counselor and the other a mentor and advisor to the Sisters Helping in Neighborhoods Everywhere (SHINE) group in which Esther is active.

All were beaming as Esther received a check, an award certificate (designed and printed by Barb Barany), and an invitation letter overviewing LWV of Roseville Area and offering her a free one-year membership if she chooses. Esther expressed her gratitude many times and it seemed that her being honored as the recipient was as significant as the financial gift. From Esther's bio (see below) and from Karen's view upon meeting her, she clearly represents a student LWV of Roseville Area wishes to acknowledge! Roseville Area High School and Fairview Alternative School scholarship recipients are yet to be announced.



Karen Lake presents the first scholarship to Tartan High School student Esther Pewu



Esther is an active member of the Sisters Helping in Neighborhoods Everywhere (SHINE) girls group at Tartan High School. This group strives to represent the unity of sisterhood with integrity and love. A focus is on advocating for females, especially young women of color, in the community. Through SHINE Esther volunteered at several local businesses this year including Cub Foods, HyVee, Culvers, and the EastSide Boys & Girls Club, while raising funds to donate to homeless shelters and the Ronald McDonald House. Esther also volunteered at the Books and Brunch event at the Saint Paul community library.

Esther possesses numerous qualities that make her a good role model. She is determined to learn from obstacles she has encountered to help herself grow. She's also committed to helping others in any way she can.

Esther's post-secondary plans include going to Century College or the University of Minnesota to study computer science.

LWV of Roseville Area 2022-2023 Nomination Committee Report

By Nominating Committee: Sherry Hood, Chair, and committee members Mindy Greiling, Lisa Scribner, and Florence Sprague (with thanks to Rita Mills for emailing new members)

- ***President:** Barb Anderson
- ***Vice President:** Rachel Geiser
- ***Secretary:** Jen Peterson
- ***Treasurer:** Kathy Macomber
- ***Members At-Large:** Lisa Scribner, Wayne Groff (*must take a leave of absence from board meetings after the annual meeting until after the November election*)
- **CMAL:** Karen Schaffer, Lisa Scribner
- ***Action Team Leader:** Sherry Hood
 - **Team:** Wayne Groff, Mindy Greiling, Priscilla Morton
 - **Environmental Subcommittee:** *Chair:* Donna Peterson; *Team:* Rebecca Bormann, Anne Haugan, Sherry Hood, Alana Howey, Barb Luck, Carol Marchel, Tammy McGehee, Priscilla Morton
 - **Observer Corps Subcommittee:** Margo Bock, Ann Cleland, Carol Marchel, Teri Mathews
- ***Budget and Development Team Co-Leaders:** Bonnie Koch and Mary Ann Palmer
 - Team:** Merrie Zakaras, treasurer Kathy Macomber
- ***Communication Team Leader:** Mary Peterson
 - Team:** Rachel Geiser, Mindy Greiling, Gladys Jones, Barb Luck, Merrie Zakaras
- ***Membership Team Leader:** Rita Mills; *Vice Chair:* Mary Kay VonDeLinde
 - Team:** *Treasurer,* Kathy Macomber; *Eblasts,* Mary Peterson; *Data:* Beth Reinhart
- ***Nominating Committee Chair:** Sherry Hood
 - Team (appointed by Board):** Barbara Barany, Florence Sprague, Lisa Scribner
- ***Program Team Leader:** Florence Sprague; *Vice-Chair:* Carol Marchel
 - Team:** Megan Dahlberg, Rachel Geiser, Mindy Greiling, Patricia Hoffman, Sherry Hood, Gladys Jones, Bonnie Koch, Kathy Macomber, Rita Mills, Lisa Scribner, Karen Schaffer, study committee chairs
- ***Voter Services Team Co- Leaders:** Marcia Cheney, Nancy Simpson, and Teresa Wernecke;
 - **Team:** Elizabeth Hansel, Deb Heuwihinkel, Karen Lake, Rita Mills, Suzanne Sancilio, Teresa Morris, Sharon Oswald, Jessica Peterson, June Stewart
 - **Candidate Forums:** Teresa Wernecke and Suzanne Sancilio
 - **Youth Engagement:** Marcia Cheney and Deb Heuwinkel
 - **Voter Registrations:** Nancy Simpson
 - **Moderators:** Kitty Gogins, Linda McLoon, Florence Sprague
 - **Moderator Training:** Kathy Macomber
- **Ad Hoc Committees**
 - **Archives:** Shirley Bradway, Mindy Greiling, Bonnie Koch
 - **Annual Meeting:** Diana Menanteau, Rachelle Peleska
 - **Student Scholarship Subcommittee:** *Chair,* Karen Lake; *Team:* Barb Barany, Anne Haugan, Suzanne Sancilio, June Stewart

**Elected position*

LWV of Roseville Area 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

By Barb Anderson, Jessica Holz, Bonnie Koch, Mary Ann Palmer, Merrie Zakaras, and Kathy Macomber

The following LWV of Roseville Area 2022-2023 proposed budget will be voted on at the annual meeting.

| LWV Roseville Area 2022-23 Proposed Budget | | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | Proposed Budget 2021-22 | YTD March 2021-22 | Proposed Budget 2022-23 |
| INCOME: | | | |
| Dues (120 pd members/\$70 dues) | \$ 8,400.00 | \$ 8,150.00 | \$ 8,400.00 |
| Contributions (unrestricted) | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,775.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Memorials | | | |
| Annual Meeting | \$ 1,100.00 | | \$ 800.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 200.00 | | \$ 200.00 |
| Special Events | \$ 850.00 | \$ 1,148.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| PayPal Fees | \$ (200.00) | \$ (271.92) | \$ (300.00) |
| In Kind | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 14,350.00 | \$ 13,801.08 | \$ 14,100.00 |
| EXPENSES: | | | |
| Program Division | | | |
| Program | \$ 250.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 750.00 |
| Special Events | \$ 850.00 | \$ 1,525.99 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Voter Services | \$ 350.00 | \$ 486.67 | \$ 1,725.00 |
| Advocacy/Action | \$ 100.00 | | \$ 100.00 |
| Communications | | | |
| Public Relations/Advertising | \$ 100.00 | | \$ 100.00 |
| Voter Mailing | \$ 100.00 | \$ 97.63 | \$ 100.00 |
| Archivist | \$ 100.00 | | \$ 100.00 |
| Printing | \$ 750.00 | | \$ 750.00 |
| Website/Facebook/Zoom | \$ 300.00 | \$ 219.95 | \$ 300.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | | |
| Membership | \$ 150.00 | \$ 80.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| Board Expense | | | |
| President/Vice President | \$ 100.00 | | \$ 100.00 |
| Secretary | | | |
| Development Committee | \$ 150.00 | \$ 136.08 | \$ 150.00 |
| Treasurer/fees | \$ 75.00 | | \$ 75.00 |
| Board Expense | \$ 50.00 | | \$ 50.00 |
| Sunshine Fund | \$ 50.00 | | \$ 50.00 |
| Facility Honorarium | \$ 200.00 | | \$ 200.00 |
| Delegate, Travel, Affiliation | | | |
| Delegates, Convention, Workshop | \$ 2,000.00 | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | | |
| Memorials | | | |
| Other Club Dues (Gavel Club) | \$ 20.00 | | \$ 20.00 |
| Dues (Regional Water Interleague) | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Annual Meeting | \$ 1,100.00 | | \$ 800.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 200.00 | | \$ 200.00 |
| Youth Award/Scholarships | \$ 250.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| In Kind | | | |
| Per Member Payments | | | |
| PMP National (\$32.00/120 members) | \$ 3,840.00 | \$ 3,840.00 | \$ 3,840.00 |
| PMP State (\$27.00/120 members) | \$ 3,240.00 | \$ 3,193.42 | \$ 3,240.00 |
| CMAL Dues (\$1.00/120 members) | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 14,350.00 | \$ 10,604.74 | \$ 17,325.00 |
| DIFFERENCE | \$ - | \$ 3,196.34 | \$ (3,225.00) |

Amendments To LWV of Roseville Area Policies and Procedures

The following are proposed amendments to LWV of Roseville Area policies and procedures for approval by membership at the May Annual Meeting.

ADVOCACY, *Amended by the Board on June 9, 2021*

Action is our League effort to bring about governmental change based on the positions we derive through member study and consensus.

1. Because we are a multi-level organization with positions at each level, we must:
 - Coordinate our action efforts in order to speak with one voice.
 - Choose issues for priority attention in order to allocate resources effectively and maximize political impact.
2. Local Action procedures:
 - We act only after we identify a local, regional (Council on Metropolitan Area Leagues), state, or national position or are acting under League Principles.
 - We may use any of these positions to lobby at the local governmental level without asking for authorization from CMAL, state or national.
 - League never lobbies in opposition to a League position.
 - Ideally the Board is consulted, but if prompt action is needed, the President and Action chair may decide and inform the board.
 - Action can consist of informing the public by any means: letters to the editor, press releases, press conferences, parades or marches, demonstrations and seeking any and all media attention.
 - When LWVRA lobbies elected or appointed officials, where possible, all officials in a body are contacted in the same time frame and mode, e.g., by letter, email or public meeting testimony. For example, the League would not lobby only the mayor or some city council members but not others.
 - When sharing results of a new study with elected or appointed officials, it is preferable to do so openly at a public meeting of each city, school district or county. All League members should be invited, but when possible, those presenting should reside in the jurisdiction.
 - If LWVRA wishes to initiate local action involving officials shared with other local Leagues, authorization from those Leagues is necessary.
 - If LWVRA wishes to take action on the state level, it must be approved by the LWV Minnesota Action Chair or Legislative Coordinator or LWVMN Board President.
 - The League President, Action Chair or designee respond to Action Alerts from other levels of League on behalf of our League. Members are urged to take action individually and are encouraged to say they are League members.
 - Permission must be obtained to act at the national level on issues not included in Action Alerts.

STUDIES, *Amended by the Board on August 25, 2021*

LWV advocacy is based on positions adopted by the League at the national, state and local levels. A reason for League's effectiveness in advocating is its reputation for thorough study leading to those positions.

The Study Process:

1. Studies can be initiated at the national, state or local level.
 - If started at the local level, the consideration of a possible study is presented at an Annual Meeting where membership adopts the study and ideally identifies a chair or the board appoints one soon after.
 - The study should be identified as covering an area for which there is not a current position, providing an update to a current position or a briefing paper to answer questions about a current position.
 - Local studies should be aligned with state and national positions and cannot conflict with them.
 - LWVUS positions are generally broad enough to enable a variety of advocacy over a period of time.
2. The chair seeks other members to be a part of the study committee.
3. The committee puts together a tentative timeline for the proposed duration of the study including: Voter articles; unit meeting/s to inform the membership and the public; a time for consensus (new positions) or concurrence (adopting carte blanche another League's consensus positions) question discussion, if those are planned; recommendations to board; publication in the Voter ahead of Annual Meeting and Annual Meeting final position adoption.
4. The committee may develop a list of possible resources and people, ideally both positive and negative if the study is a new topic.
5. A written summary of the process, findings and recommended statements for consensus is disseminated to the membership prior to the unit meeting where they will be discussed. *(continued on the next page)*

Amendments To LWV of Roseville Area Policies and Procedures (cont.)

6. The summary is presented at a membership meeting where members discuss the decision-making process and recommendations and attempt to reach consensus or concurrence (not a majority vote, but overall sense of the group). While a group meeting is preferred so all those voting are a part of the discussion, consensus may include options such as surveys, telephone poll or document “tear-off”.
7. The study committee forms a consensus statement or recommends a concurrence based on the decisions from the membership meeting and submits it to the Board. The statement to the Board should summarize the number of people involved in the recommendation, membership comments and possible minority opinions.
8. The Board is responsible for determining if consensus has occurred and forms a recommended position based on member input and the study committee’s statement. Positions are generally broad enough to enable a variety of advocacy over time.
9. The Board-recommended position is presented for adoption at the following Annual Meeting.
10. If a position is adopted, action can then be taken on the particular issue addressed by the position. All local positions need to be readopted each year at the Annual Meeting.
11. If a study committee plans to use existing positions adopted by another level of League (CMAL, state or national) to investigate local circumstances and neither consensus nor concurrence is planned, those positions and that plan should be identified at the onset. The committee would then follow a similar process of study and informing the board, membership and public. Since neither consensus nor concurrence takes place, there would be no new positions, by any name.
12. Action steps, approved by the board, are then taken to share results, educate the public and advocate at the appropriate level of government. Action could take many forms, including a written communication or public testimony.

Definitions from League Basics (updated 2009), a publication of LWVUS to provide organizational information for local and state Leagues, and the LWVMN 2021-2023 Program Planning Guide:

- **CONSENSUS:** Collective opinion of a substantial number of League members, representative of the membership as a whole, after objective study of an issue.
- **CONCURRENCE:** Agreement by League members with a completed study and adopted position by another League.
- **POSITION:** A statement of the League's point of view on an issue, arrived at through member study and agreement (consensus or concurrence), approved by the appropriate board and used as a basis for League action.

Amendments To LWV of Roseville Area Bylaws

The following are proposed amendments to the LWV of Roseville Area Bylaws for approval by membership at the May Annual Meeting. In addition, Articles I, II, and Article III, Sections 1 and 2 have been amended as required to match the wording required by LWVUS and LWVMN, and references to “the Local League” have been changed to “the League” for consistency with Article I. Also see the complete bylaws, attached, including both required text and proposed amendments. The following were approved by the Board on March 23, 2022.

Article I, SECTION 3. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS. Voting Members shall have the right to attend, participate in and vote at all meetings of the Local Members. Voting Members are also eligible to serve on the Board of this Local League, as officers of this Local League and as delegates to the Convention, Council and similar meetings of League of Women Voters Minnesota.

~~Section 3.4 Term of Membership. The term of membership shall be established by the Members at the annual meeting.~~

~~Section 3.5 Membership Dues. The amount of annual membership dues shall be established by the Members at the annual meeting.~~

~~Section 3.6 Non-transferability of Memberships. A Member may not transfer a membership in this local League or a right arising from it.~~

~~Section 3.7 Resignation. A Member may resign at any time. The resignation of a Member does not relieve the Member from any obligations the Member may have to this Local League for membership dues, assessments, etc.~~

~~Section 3.8 Termination of Membership. The Board may terminate the membership of any person who fails to comply with the conditions of membership as established by the Board.~~

~~Section 3.9 Acceptance of Membership. A person shall not be deemed to be a Member of this Local League unless and until the person has been accepted as a Member in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board.~~

Article VI, SECTION 3. OTHER MEETINGS. Other meetings of the Board may be called at any time, for any purpose, by the President or any three members of the Board. Notice of every such meeting of the Board shall be given to each member of the Board at least five (5) days before the day on which the meeting is to be held, via U.S. mail, or by delivery in person, e-mail, or telephone, ~~no later than twenty four (24) hours before the meeting is to be held.~~

Amendments to LWV of Roseville Area Positions for Advocacy

The following new and amended positions have been recommended by the Board for membership approval at the Annual Meeting.

- New position based on the Equitable Representation in City Commissions and Boards Study:
Recommend that our cities' boards and commissions broadly reflect the diversity of their population, including race, ethnicity, gender, income, age, and other aspects of diversity.
- Amended positions based on Cities' Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Study:
 - Modify the current policy "Support opportunities for citizen participation in city government, including early public participation in the decision-making process, and open appointment for advisory committees. (1988) to read "Support ADA compliant opportunities for resident participation in city government, including early public participation in the decision-making process, and open appointment for advisory committees."
 - Modify the current policy "Support safe non-motorized pathways with costs assessed areawide. (1983)" to read "Support ADA compliant safe non-motorized pathways with costs assessed areawide."
- New positions based on Cities' Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Study:
 - Support city government compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements in administrative policy and access to and use of city owned and leased buildings, voting precincts, and recreational locations and facilities.
 - Support compliance by city governments with ADA requirements for identification of an ADA Coordinator and grievance process and ease of access to these on city websites.

March Event Recap: Shoot Suffrage to Death

By Carol Marchel

On March 15 we were treated to a riveting presentation about the history of voter suppression by Dr. Yohuru Williams, Professor of History at the University of St. Thomas. His talk, "Shoot Suffrage to Death: A Short History of Race, Violence, and the Right to Vote," included an analysis of the roles played by women and the League of Women Voters in the history of universal suffrage. While women have historically been voting rights activists, their work has not always been as focused on equity for communities of color as they worked for universal suffrage. Yet, women continue to play an important role in voting and other reforms. Dr. Williams noted many current challenges to equitable access to the polls. To overcome these challenges, he highlighted the need for groups to find and work together for a common cause. Dr. Williams pointed to the importance of "everyday activism," including support of voting rights legislation and volunteering to help run smooth and fair electoral processes.

Dr. Williams shared links to further information.

- 15th Amendment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PWgcHkHFeM>
- The Voting Rights Act of 1965: <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/voting-rights-act-video>
- Primary source document: <https://www.facinghistory.org/reconstruction-era/election-violence-mississippi-1875>
- Article: Wayne A. Santoro, The Civil Rights Movement and the Right to Vote: Black Protest, Segregationist Violence and the Audience, Social Forces, Volume 86, Issue 4, June 2008, Pages 1391–1414, <https://doi.org/10.1353/sof.0.0042>
- Books: Carol Anderson, One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy, Bloomsbury; Yohuru Williams, Rethinking the Black Freedom Movement, Routledge.
- YouTube talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PWgcHkHFeM&authuser=0>

Many thanks to Ramsey County Library for hosting the presentation and housing its digital link. You can view the webinar at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/rcladult/course/45833>



Future League Events

Event recording: Many events are recorded. To watch a recording, go to our website (<http://lwvrosevillearea.org/>), click or tap on the YouTube icon on the right side, and select a recorded event. If the event was held virtually through the Ramsey County Library, a recording link is provided in an eBlast and the Voter issue following the event.

April and May events are detailed on [page 1](#) and [page 16](#).

- **June 21 – Electric Vehicle Fair.** Save the date! Come see and learn about electric cars and bikes. Look for more details in the May/June Voter issue; 6-8 pm; Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2561 Victoria St. N., Roseville.
 - **June 23-26 – LWVUS Convention.** See attendance information on [page 5](#); Denver, Colorado, or virtual attendance.
 - **July and Beyond** – Watch the eBlast and May/June and July/August Voter issues for new programs as the Program Committee sets the 2022-2023 LWV of Roseville Area event schedule.
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Member Spotlight: Jen Peterson

By Rita Mills

We often do not take the opportunity to think about what holds together an organization with 140+ members, most of whom do not know each other personally and come from multiple communities. However, the Board of Directors and the LWV of Roseville Area Nominating Committee puts much thought into this. So, when a new member comes forward to volunteer to take on a leadership position, we take note!

Jen Peterson joined our local LWV chapter in February of 2021, and we all will be appreciating her contributions on the LWV of Roseville Area Board in the years ahead. Jen comes to us with masters' degrees in Public Affairs and Communication Disorders, both from the University of Minnesota. In addition, she holds education licenses in Speech Language Pathology and Director of Special Education.



A Roseville resident for the past 22 years, Jen and her husband have two adult children. Jen's first career spanned 15 years in public affairs and marketing in the private and public sectors. Jen completed a career shift 15 years ago to her current role as a speech language pathologist and special education leader in the public schools.

In addition to her professional life, Jen has contributed to Roseville-area volunteer activities. Her professional skills were useful and beneficial to our community when she was on the Board of Directors for the Roseville Area Schools Foundation from 2017-2020. And most recently she took on the position of co-treasurer of the successful "Vote Yes" Referendum for the Roseville Area Schools in 2021.

When Jen was asked why she joined the League of Women Voters, Jen responded, "I have a longstanding and deep interest in public affairs. I appreciate the League's long history of providing non-partisan perspective on a host of issues." She goes on to say, "I would like to forge greater connections with League members and our community at large. Now that I've entered my empty nest years, I want to use that time to be more intentionally engaged in improving access to our political system."

Jen, we welcome your enthusiasm, skills, and most important, your willingness to give time to assist an organization working hard to enhance the LWV mission:

Encouraging informed and active participation in government, working to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

LWV of Roseville Area: April and May Event Calendar

- **April 19 – Birds, Trees, Dark Skies, Climate: What’s Going On?** See event details on [page 1](#); 6:30 pm, Zoom.
- **April 27 – LWV of Roseville Area Board Meeting.** See access details on [page 1](#); 7 pm, Zoom.
- **April 30 – LWVMN Council.**
- **May 3 – LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting.** See event details on [page 1](#); social at 6 pm; business meeting at 7 pm.; Autumn Grove Park Building, 1365 Lydia Ave. W., Roseville.
- **May 14 – Current Issues at Metro Transit and CMAL Annual Meeting.** See event details on [page 3](#); 10-11:30 am, Zoom.



April 22, 2022

Voter Article Submission Deadline

Submissions for the next issue of The Voter are due 10 days before the end of the month. If you have any questions or information to submit for the newsletter, contact Rachel Geiser at rachelsoup@gmail.com.